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Eighty-two grams of meth would be...would roughly be about 350 doses of methamphetamine because a quarter gram of meth is considered a single dose. So what Senator Pedersen is advocating is that we would allow people to make 82 grams of methamphetamine from this limit. So I think it's too broad. I think it opens it up too much, and I rise in opposition to this. The reason that Senator Pedersen is bringing this amendment is in response to one pharmaceutical company that's in his district, and I don't begrudge him that for one second. What they are saying, and this pharmaceutical company manufactures a product called Claritin-D. Under the bill as it's drafted now, 1,440 milligrams, a person could buy a week's supply of Claritin-D. And what Senator...or excuse me, what this pharmaceutical manufacturer wants to do is allow someone to buy two weeks' supply of Claritin-D. The problem again with that is that two weeks' supply, or what Senator Pedersen is advocating, is that it could make 82 grams of methamphetamine, or roughly 350 doses of methamphetamine product. I think that's too broad, and I don't support it. You know, we respond to constituents all the time, but this is simply an economic deal. This is simply...I'll be honest with you, it is simply a pharmaceutical company that's apparently not making enough money that wants to make more. I think to expand it in this regard is wrong. I don't think it's the right thing to do for Nebraskans. I would urge you to reject Senator Pedersen's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Further discussion on the Pedersen amendment? Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. First of all, I'd like to get into just a little bit discussion with Senator Bourne, if I may, please. I see he's busy, but...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne, would you...

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Bourne,...

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...in this bill, and I'm totally in